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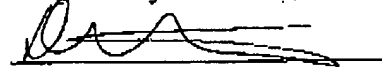
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Sir:

The above-referenced application was filed on November 21, 2001. More than 44 months have elapsed since the filing date without receipt of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the subject application at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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